

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Britsch et al.

Application No.: 10/590,469

Filed: August 23, 2006

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
DETERMINING THE QUALITY OF
ILLUSTRATIONS OF PRINTING PLATES

Group: Not Yet Known

Examiner: Not Yet Known

Our File: SMB-PT181

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Date: September 25, 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

The "Schnell under sicher..." article is dated May 2004, and was cited in a third party opposition against the grant of the German priority application DE 10 2004 009 390. A copy of the opposition filing is also attached. The third party opposer has cited this document as being similar to a presentation given on February 12, 2004. However, it is not admitted prior art and applicants have submitted it in an abundance of caution in accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure.

The "Kaufvertrag" was also asserted in the third party opposition noted above, and purports to be a purchase contract between OFS AG and DZO Druckzentrum Oetwil am See AG for a "PQCS.net Online Plate Quality Control System." This is also not admitted prior art although the opposer has cited it as showing a prior use as of December 18, 2003.

The "PQCS.net der OFS group" E-Mail and attachment was also submitted by the third party opposer in the opposition and is not admitted prior art.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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